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REMARKS

Applicants cancel claims 1-4 and 9-11. Claims 5-8 and 12-14 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

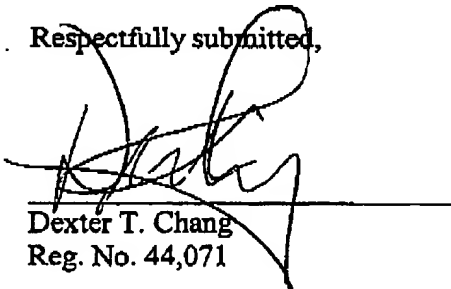
Applicants, again, acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 5-8 and 12-14.

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0056490 to Nagami et al. Applicants cancel the rejected claims.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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